

November/December 2014

Celebrating 30 Years of Literacy!

The Open House took place on Tuesday, September 16th. It was a fun celebration. We had a turnout of over 110 people! There was a book-signing for the book "Sharing Our Stories," which was written by learners in our program. We had four authors here to sign the books: Gary, Hermond, Nyla, and Carmen. We also had refreshments, and "Voices and Faces," a film about adult learners playing. It was great to be able to visit together and celebrate Literacy Services' 30th anniversary.



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Diane Q. Recognized as Outstanding Volunteer

Volunteer tutor Diane Q. has been selected to represent the City of Carlsbad at the North County Philanthropy Council's upcoming 27th Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon on November 6. The luncheon will honor outstanding men and women who give their time and talent to helping people in North County San Diego and beyond. Diane has been in our program since 2007 and has tutored more than 10 learners in addition to teaching countless computer classes. Congratulations Diane!



Leigh W. - book

Hanna G. - cookies

Sandy Z. - calendars

Armin R. - cookies and fig bars

Linda B. - coffee

Harriet N. - ream of copy paper

Lee R. - calendars, magazines

June M. - crackers

Margaret R. - cookies, yogurt pretzels

Maria M. - cookies

Leticia V. - cookies

Valane J. - cake

City Council Honors Given

On Tuesday, September 9th, the Mayor and City Council of Carlsbad presented a Proclamation to Heather Pizutto and Carrie Scott, recognizing September as Adult Literacy Awareness month in honor of the 30th anniversary of the California Library Literacy Services and our program. Nyla, a learner in Literacy Services, also spoke about her experience.

The Proclamation reads:

Whereas, the City of Carlsbad recognizes the need for educated and informed residents to meet the challenges of an increasingly technological society; and

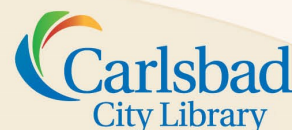
Whereas, Carlsbad City Library Literacy Services is a proud member of the California Library Literacy Services program, and both are celebrating 30 years of changing lives for the better; and

Whereas, Literacy Services provides opportunities for adults to improve their reading, writing and computer skills to meet their life goals; and

Whereas, volunteers generously and patiently donate over 11,000 hours annually to help adults improve their skills; and

Whereas, adult learners enrolled in the Literacy Services program contribute to Carlsbad becoming a world-class city by improving their job skills, reading to their children and voting.

Now, Therefore, I, Matt Hall, Mayor of the City of Carlsbad, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby join the State of California in proclaiming the month of September 2014 as **Adult Literacy Awareness Month** in the City of Carlsbad and commend and congratulate all of our volunteers, learners and supporters who promote literacy in our community.



Goals Met

We would love to hear about your successes, so we are adding a new section in the Learning Connection called "Goals Met." This month, learner and inventor **Richard S.** completed one of his goals by creating a YouTube video. You can check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ProjectHackerTV>. It shows him using a router invention to cut out a road runner design.

Please let us know about any met goals that you would like to share with us. We can't wait to hear about your success!



New Lexile List

We have a new version of our Lexile list. Carrie Scott has read over 1000 books from our collection and has written descriptions on many of the books she has read. These descriptions have been added to our current Lexile list, to make it easier to decide what books to read. If you would like an updated Lexile list, please let any of our staff know. We would be happy to help you!



Learning Connection

We are always looking for good articles to put in the Learning Connection. If you have written something and would like it published in the Learning Connection, please email it to literacy@carlsbadca.gov, or drop it off at the Help Desk. The deadline for article submissions for the next Learning Connection will be **December 17th**.



Word Morph

See if you can morph the following word (read) into the target word (tent) by changing one letter of the word at a time.

Starting word: read

Target word: tent

Answers: read, lead, lend, tent

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Check out the "Coming Soon" Board

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Want to learn about upcoming events here at the Learning Center? Check out the "Coming Soon" board located in each tutoring room. Here you will find information about special events, workshops, and dates the library is closed. We update the information regularly. Make sure to stay in the loop by checking the board!

Important Year-End Dates



November 11, Tuesday—Learning Center and all Carlsbad Libraries are closed.

November 26, Wednesday—Learning Center and all Carlsbad Library locations close at 5:00 p.m.

November 27, Thursday, & November 28, Friday—Learning Center and all Carlsbad Libraries are closed.

December 24, Wednesday—Learning Center and all Carlsbad Library locations close at 5:00 p.m.

December 25, Thursday—Learning Center and all Carlsbad Libraries are closed.

December 31, Wednesday—Learning Center and all Carlsbad Library locations close at 5:00 p.m.

January 1, Thursday—Learning Center and all Carlsbad Library locations are closed.

Our regular hours are Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pairs, discuss your plans with each other and decide ahead of time when you will be meeting through the holiday season. Please let the staff know if your plans are different from your usual schedule.

You still have time for Writer to Writer!



You have until **December 4, 2014** to submit your letter for the Writer to Writer Challenge. You can write to the author of a book you have read, or an audio-book you have listened to. This is a challenge for everyone—from beginning to advanced-level learners. Stop at the front desk to get the instructions and entry form.

The winners in all categories will be awarded a cash prize.